



**Mersey Park Primary School  
SCHOOL VISIT RECORD**

<b>Name: Val Maher</b>	<b>Date and Time: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2022</b>
<b>Purpose of planned visit</b> To meet with Phonics lead, Jane Boylan in order to learn more about new Phonics Programme	
<b>Links with the School Development Plan (SDP)</b> Objectives 1 and 2	
<b>Governor observations and comments</b> Jane introduced me to the new scheme 'Little Wandle' letters and sounds phonics programme. All schools now have to use a scheme from the recommended DfE list which means that the original scheme has had to be abandoned along with all the books. Phonics teaching takes place daily. The scheme demands very speedy progress through the letters and sounds – four sounds a week with revision on Friday. Those children who struggle are given additional 'keep up' work in addition to whole class teaching sessions. Parental support is very important as well as regular attendance and prompt arrival in school. The initial books include only the sounds the children have learnt which I must admit dismayed me as there was no story! However Jane explained that children take home real story books and are given a rich diet of high quality literature and there is also a guided read three times a week, where the phonic sounds are incorporated and highlighted. Mersey Park has made a lot of additional resources eg key rings, grapheme mats. Children also have access to on-line books. I also saw how the books were stored and skimmed through a few to see the progression- thankfully by Year 1 there is a sort of story!! All teachers (whichever year they are currently allocated to) have received six hours training in the new scheme which I think is very important.	
<b>Any key issues arising for the governing body</b> It will be interesting to have some data at the end of the year to look at and discuss and to hear what teachers think about the scheme after using it for a school year.	
<b>Action following governing body meeting</b>	
<b>Any additional comments</b> A very informative meeting thank you Jane. The scheme was clearly and very positively explained to me. Perhaps my next visit would be to see it in action please.	